

SUPER BOWL XLII

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Super Bowl is coming! The countdown has begun! To meet the needs of the industry, we are preparing for a major enforcement effort to ensure all guards and agencies adhere to licensing and registration requirements. The services of many security guard agencies will be needed to assist with security for the Super Bowl and related events. Over the past months, we received numerous requests for information from agencies seeking to work the event. We have also received many calls from out-of-state agencies interested in coming to Arizona for the event. Here are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions:

Question: Can a security guard agency from another state come to Arizona to work the Super Bowl?

Answer: Yes, the company can work the event in Arizona if it obtains an Arizona security guard agency license.

Question: Do military personnel have to be registered if working security at an event?

Answer: Yes, military personnel must be registered as security guards to perform security guard duties.

Question: My agency is based out of Miami, but we employ only off duty police officers for security and we plan on working some of the upcoming Super Bowl events. Do we have to be licensed?

Answer: Yes, your agency will need to be licensed. Additionally, if you use Arizona off duty police officers, they are



exempt from being registered. However, if you use off duty police officers from any other state they will have to be registered in Arizona.

Question: My agency is licensed in Arizona as well as in several other states. We have a chance of filling a large contract for events surrounding the Super Bowl. I will not have enough manpower in Arizona and would like to bring in some guards from our other corporate offices located in those other states. Do these guards have to be registered in Arizona?

Answer: It depends. The DPS Licensing unit may recognize security guard registrations from states that have security guard qualification laws substantially similar to this chapter if the issuing authority for the other state meets all the following conditions:

1. Issues a security guard identification card with an expiration date printed on the card;
2. Is available to verify the registration status for law enforcement purposes within three business days after a request for verification;
3. Has disqualification, suspension and revocation requirements for registrations; and

Requires that the applicant for a registration submit to a criminal history records check pursuant to section 41-1750 and applicable federal law.

Please check with the Licensing unit so they can determine whether your state meets these conditions. If the state in question, does not meet these conditions, then all the guards will need to be registered in Arizona, and the training they receive must be Arizona guard training. If this is the case for your agency, make your plans now to ensure all the guards you are bringing in are properly registered. If they are caught working a security post and are not licensed, they will be removed from the job. They will not be allowed to continue on post. Additionally, if your security guards are eligible for recognition by Arizona, you are required to adhere to the restrictions listed under ARS § 32-2610.

Question: I thought Arizona had a reciprocal agreement so that our agency could bring guards in from another state? What happened to that?

Answer: There is a statute, ARS § 32-2610, that deals with reciprocity, but there has to be a signed agreement between the states. Arizona will continue to seek agreements with other states; however, there are no signed agreements with any state at this time.